

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A seating unit comprising:
2 a seat; and
3 a back, wherein an edge of said back includes an aesthetic portion, and wherein
4 said aesthetic portion is patterned to resemble one of a plurality of preselected scenic
5 silhouettes.

- 1 2. The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said back comprises:
2 at least one central portion, said central portion extending longitudinally from a
3 first edge of said back to a second edge of said back, wherein said first edge is the edge
4 which includes said aesthetic portion;
5 a plurality of filler portions, said filler portions extending longitudinally from said
6 first edge of said back to said second edge of said back, and said filler portions
7 substantially filling a space between said central portion and lateral boundaries of said
8 back.

- 1 3. The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said back further comprises:
2 a single planar portion having a forward face and a rear face, said forward face
3 arranged to be facing a seating portion of said seating unit; and
4 at least one support member operatively attached transversely to said single planar
5 portion, said support member attached proximate said rear face.

- 1 4. The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said scenic silhouette represents a feature
2 selected from the group consisting of: a landscape contour, a ridge profile, and a
3 mountain range.

1 5. The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said seating unit is an Adirondack-style chair.

1 6. The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said seating unit is an Adirondack-style
2 furniture piece selected from the group consisting of: a love seat, a swing, and a glider, a
3 chaises lounge, a glider, a loveseat, and a tête-à-tête.

1 7. The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said seating unit is constructed from
2 materials selected from the group consisting of: wood, plastic, metal, resin, wood-
3 adhesive compounds, and combinations thereof.

1 8. The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said back is further adapted to operably
2 receive a cushion assembly.

1 9. The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said cushion assembly is operatively
2 attached to said seating unit.

1 10. The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said back is further adapted to be operably
2 supported on said base for movement between an upright position and an angled position.

1 11. The seating unit of claim 4, wherein said aesthetic portion further comprises
2 descriptive information related to said feature such as a name, elevation, or date.

1 12. The seating unit of claim 4, wherein said descriptive information is the result of
2 an application of a method selected from the group consisting of: painting, engraving,
3 carving, etching, branding, scoring, embossing, plating, and molding.

1 13. The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said edge is an upper exposed edge of said
2 planar back, and said aesthetic portion extends along substantially the entire upper edge
3 of said planar back.

1 14. A method of constructing a modified seating unit with a characteristic aesthetic
2 portion, said method comprising the steps of:
3 providing a scenic aspect;
4 deriving a contour line from said scenic aspect;
5 providing a seating unit, said seating unit having a contourable portion to receive
6 said a contour derived from said contour line;
7 applying said contour line to said contourable portion of said unmodified seating
8 unit; and
9 modifying said contourable portion of said unmodified seating unit in accordance
10 with said contour line to produce said modified seating unit.

1 15. The method of claim 14, wherein said step of deriving a contour line from said
2 scenic aspect uses means selected from the group consisting of: a stencil, a computer, an
3 overhead projector, projection equipment, image manipulation software, and a
4 pantograph.

1 16. The method of claim 14, wherein said step of modifying said contourable portion
2 of said unmodified seating unit uses a means selected from the group consisting of:
3 manual modification, power tool, and CNC device.

1 17. The method of claim 14, wherein, in said step providing a scenic aspect, said
2 medium is selected from the group consisting of: postcards, photographs, online images,
3 magazine images, freehand sketches, and artwork.

1 18. The method of claim 14, wherein said medium is a display device.

1 19. The method of claim 18, wherein said display device is adapted to display at least
2 one scenic aspect.

1 20. The method of claim 18, wherein said contour line is defined by a series of
2 coordinate points located along said contour line, and wherein a series of proportions are
3 present between various coordinate points on said contour line

1 21. The method of claim 18, further comprising, prior to the step of applying said
2 fitted contour line, the step of manipulating said contour line to produce a fitted contour
3 line, said fitted contour line adjusted to fit said contourable portion of said unmodified
4 seating unit.

1 22. A furniture piece comprising:
2 a first portion having an edge formed in a contour shape, said contour shape
3 resembling one of a plurality of preselected topographical contours.

1 23. The furniture piece as claimed in claim 22, wherein said first portion further
2 comprises a substantially planar portion, and said preselected topographical contours are
3 derived from a profile of a mountain ridgeline.

1 24. The furniture piece as claimed in claim 23, wherein said furniture piece provides
2 a seat, and said substantially planar portion is a back of said seat.